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- Between 13 and 20 October 1953 the 2 and 3 Bulgarian Armies, located at Plovdiv and Shumen, carried out large-scale maneuvers on the southeastern border of Bulgaria. Apparently these maneuvers were carried out in reply to the combined Allied operations which took place shortly before on the Thracian coast. 50X1-HUM the troops involved operated in the triangle Burgas-Yambol-Elkhovo. The general pattern of their movements involved an advance along the traditional Kirkklareli (N 41-44, E 27-13) - Lyuleburgas (N 41-22, E 27-20) axis.
- At the same time secondary maneuvers took place in the Svilengrad area.
- In the rest of the country only artillery detachments carried out widespread maneuvers.
- The arrival of a Soviet squadron in Burgas had a definite political aspect. In Sofia it is thought that the units of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet arrived in Bulgarian waters in reply to the recent visit of Allied squadrons in the Bosphorus.

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